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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER,

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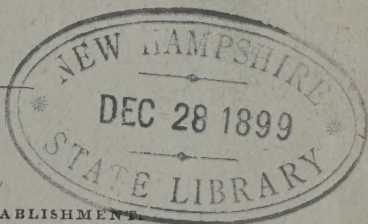
Town of Kingston, N. H.,

AND THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1879.



EXETER, N. H.:

GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT
1879.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVOICE APRIL 1st, 1878.

Resident real estate Invoice,	\$192,510 00
Non-resident real estate,	94,273 00
No. of polls 308. Value of polls	30800 00
No. of horses 182. value,	8715 00
No. of neat stock 382, value,	9568 00
No. of sheep, 119, value,	348 00
Stock in banks,	14,650 00
Carriages,	750 00
Stock in trade,	12,570 00
Money at interest or on deposit,	8650 00
Mills, value,	3050 00

Total Invoice,	\$375,884 00
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TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,	1028 00
County tax,	1407 06
Town tax,	750 00
School tax,	899 50
Percentage added,	200 71

\$4285 27

81 dogs taxed,	81 00
Non-resident highway tax,	188 49

Total taxes for 1878, on Collector's book,	4554 76
Resident highway tax,	563 22

RATE OF TAXATION.

State, County, Town and School taxes are \$1.14 on	\$100 00
Highway taxes 20 cents on	100 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

The Selectmen charge themselves by approving the following incidental expenses of the town for the year ending March 1st 1879, the same being paid by the Treasurer, amounting in all to the sum of two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and six cents,

	\$2026 06
Paid Charles Marseilles, for printing town reports 1877,	17 00
Alfred Davis, for one sheep killed by dogs, 1877,	5 00
Sally Wadleigh, " " 1877,	4 00
George Bragdon, " " 1878,	4 00
the Baptist society parsonage money for 1876,	7 21
1st Freewill Baptist society, parsonage money for 1877,	8 44
John W. Prescott for washing town hall,	4 67
for repairs on settees,	67
George E. Lane, for books, &c.	1 75
Michael Howard, for damage to a horse by defect in highway in district No. 8,	10 00
George I. Sanborn, for printing cards,	35
Express on books (County reports),	15
F. E. Brown, for whitewashing lock-up,	1 25
D. Frank Fellows, for surveying and perambulating town lines,	3 00
George F. Quimby, for one day's labor perambulating town lines,	1 25
for posting up fish notices,	50
J. A. Cline & Co. for five State Maps,	25 00
Dr. G. W. Sanborn, for return of births and deaths,	1 50
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for return of births and deaths, for repairs on town hall,	5 00
Daniel C. Bean for 17 trips with hearse,	21 25
George E. Lane, for inventory book, check lists &c., for blanks, postage, stationery, &c.,	1 35
Moses Tucker, State bounty on one fox,	2 90
Horace J. French, " on " State bounty on 21 hawks,	50
Samuel E. Woodman, for horse hire,	4 20
Moses J. French, for horse hire,	5 00
Henry D. Webster, " "	2 00
	3 00

Paid S. S. Collins, repairs on town hall,	2 50
B. F. Cram, car fare to Concord to pay State tax,	2 50
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	\$146 94

MONEY DERIVED FROM DOG TAX IN 1878.

Taxes on 81 dogs,	\$81 00
Paid abatement on 8 dogs,	\$8 00
for three sheep killed by dogs,	13 00
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	21 00
Dog tax remaining in town treasury March 1, 1879,	\$60 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Sam'l E. Woodman, for services as Selectman,	\$25 00
“ “ “ Treasurer,	25 00
Moses J. French, for services as Selectman,	22 00
Henry D. Webster, for services as Selectman,	18 00
John P. Sanborn, for services as Supt. School Com.	25 00
Benj. F. Cram, for collecting \$4,554 76 at 2 per cent.	91 10
Walter S. Clark, Town Clerk,	35 00
Sam'l E. Woodman, for making and recording taxes,	15 00
“ Enrolling military,	1 00
“ For a copy of invoice for the County Commissioners,	3 00
C. B. Clark, for services as Auditor,	1 00
Sam'l E. Woodman, services as Overseer of the poor,	7 00
“ for 5 days labor perambulating town lines,	8 00
Moses J. French, for 3 days labor perambulating town lines,	5 00
Henry D. Webster, for 4 days labor perambulating town lines,	6 50
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	\$287 60

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Prudential School Com., of District No. 1,	\$169 24
“ “ “ 2,	276 10
“ “ “ 3,	235 86
“ “ “ 4,	45 19
“ “ “ 5,	151 09
“ “ “ 6,	231 96
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	\$1,109 44

Derived from the following sources :

School tax,	\$899 50
Literary fund,	67 34
Interest on school fund,	75 60
Dog taxes remaining in the Treasury for 1876-77,	67 00
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	\$1,109 44

PARSONAGE MONEY FOR 1878.

Paid Congregational Society,	93 18
Universalist Society,	83 20
Methodist Society,	72 38
2nd Freewill Baptist Society,	29 95
Christian Advent Society,	14 98
1st Freewill Baptist Society,	7 49
Baptist Society,	7 49
Advent Millennial,	3 33
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	\$312 00
Derived from interest on parsonage fund,	312 00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

For the year ending March 1st 1879.

Paid Anna M. Winslow, for boarding the Gale children 52 weeks, from March 1st 1878, to March 1, 1879,	\$106 00
William Winslow, for boarding Sylvia Wins- low child, 52 weeks, from March 1st, 1878 to March 1st, 1879,	52 00
For clothing for the Gale children,	22 08
L. D. Peaslee for assistance rendered Benjamin Severance,	2 00

Paid For assistance rendered C. M. Dunn, children, The County of Rockingham, for boarding Benj. N. French from March 1st 1878, to March 1st, 1879,	2 00 156 00
Anna M. Winslow, for boarding Wm. E. Batch- elder child seven weeks (for the County of Rockingham)	8 00
Dr. G. W. Sanborn, medical attendance to W. E. Batchelder child for the County of Rocking- ham,	2 00
Johanna Woodbury, one dollar per week, 35 weeks for the County of Rockingham, to March 1st, 1879,	35 00
Stephen S. Webster, one doll. per week, 52 weeks, for the County of Rockingham, to March 1st, 1879,	52 00
Bakie Brother, for assistance rendered G. L. Dow, and Betsey Thurston, for the County of Rock- ingham to March 1st 1879,	26 00
Dr. T. Reynolds, for medical attendance to G. L. Dow and Betsey Thurston,	12 75
Funeral expenses of Betsey Thurston,	10 00
For four cords of wood and sawing the same for Gilman L. Dow,	15 25
Wm. H. Hills, for services in case of town of Kingston vs. Herbert W. Clark,	8 00
Wm. H. Hills, for cash paid C. G. Conner for cer- tificate in case of E. C. Carter and Sylvia Winslow,	50
Joseph L. Choate for keeping 55 tramps at 20 cents per night,	11 00
Sam'l E. Woodman, for keeping 5 tramps at 20 cents per night,	1 00
Joseph L. Choate for keeping 10 tramps at 25 cents per night,	2 50
Sam'l E. Woodman, for time and expenses of get- ting William E. Batchelder's child, Johanna Woodbury, Gilman L. Dow and Betsey Thurst- on, on to the County,	0 60
Sam'l E. Woodman for horse hire, 30 miles at 10 cents per mile,	3 00

Paid Sam'l E. Woodman, one journey to Exeter and one journey to Portsmouth to settle with the County Commissioners,	3 00
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	536 08
Received from the County for assistance rendered County paupers,	161 00
Received from T. W. Davis, rent for the Gale house,	20 50
Due from T. W. Davis, house rent to March 1st,	3 00
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	184 50
Expenses for the year,	\$351 58

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel P. DeRochemont highway surveyor non-resident highway money worked	\$17 52
Daniel DeRochemont for breaking roads, win- ter 1878-9,	51 75
R. L. Prescott for 1172 feet of bridge timber	13 57
“ “ 1803 “ “	27 04
“ “ 453 “ “	5 44
“ “ 1851 “ “	20 36
“ “ 270 “ “	4 05
“ “ 150 running feet railing	2 50
Daniel P. DeRochemont for nails for bridge	1 26
R. L. Prescott for labor on bridge	4 95
C. H. Prescott “ “	1 63
S. R. Smith “ “	3 75
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	\$153 82

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Eben Eastman highway surveyor, non-resident highway money worked	\$2 80
Eben Eastman for breaking roads winter of 1878-9,	4 00
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	\$6 80

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid John B. Hanson highway surveyor non-	
resident highway money worked	\$6 50
non-resident highway receipts worked	3 26
John B. Hanson for breaking roads, winter	
1878-9	5 00
H. B. Bartlett for breaking roads, winter 1877-	
1878	1 80
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	\$16 56

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Daniel C. Bean highway surveyor non-resident	
highway money worked	\$24 23
Daniel C. Bean, breaking roads winter '79 & '79,	6 17
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	\$30 40

DISTRICT NO. 5

Paid Charles Clark, highway surveyor non-resident	
highway money worked	\$11 51
Charles Clark for breaking roads, winter, 1878-9	3 60
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	\$15 11

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid, John B. French, Highway Surveyor non resi-	
dent highway money worked,	\$35 00
John B. French, for breaking roads, winter 1878-9	7 58
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	\$42 58

DISTRICT NO 7.

Paid Henry D. Webster, highway surveyor non-	
resident highway money worked,	\$22 70
Henry D. Webster, for breaking roads	
winter 1878-79,	7 72
Non resident highway receipt worked in 1877,	5 50
Henry D. Webster for 250 feet of bridge timber	3 00
S. S. Winslow, for breaking roads, winter 1877-78	67
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	\$39 59

DISTRICT NO 8.

Paid W. G. Wilson highway surveyor, non-resident	
highway money worked,	\$66 57
W. G. Wilson for labor on roads,	26 20
“ “ breaking roads, Winter 1878-79	54 00
James W. Dorr, for 86 feet of bridge timber	1 00
Non-resident receipts worked in 1877,	4 70

 \$152 47

Total for Highways and Bridges \$457 33

ABATEMENTS FOR 1873.

Paid John M. Head, poll tax,	\$1 95
Horace T. Grover, “	1 95
John Schelling, “	1 95
Nancy Colby, tax in full,	1 95
John Knox, “	2 48
Leonard Schelling, “	2 45
Jonathan Webster, “	2 92
John F. Tucker, “	2 00
Nath'l D. Cheney, “	1 93
Joseph Silloway, “	39
George L. Eaton, “	2 92
Daniel P. Seaver, “	2 82
Daniel Stevens, “	4 29

 \$30 00

ABATEMENTS FOR 1877.

Paid Charles M. Dunn, poll tax,	1 25
John H. Stickney, “	1 25
George W. Goodwin, “	1 25
Ebenezer Thurston heirs, tax in full,	2 85
Edward H. Cole, “	1 83
On R. L. Prescott tax,	3 00
Lewis F. Prescott heirs, on cow,	25
Zebediah Hoyt, non-resident tax, for 1876—'77,	1 00

 \$12 68

ABATEMENTS FOR 1878.

Paid Nathan B. Marsh poll tax,	1 14
Orren W. Pillsbury "	1 14
Frank W. Pettie "	1 14
Frank H. Cram "	1 14
Sewell Eastman "	1 14
Charles H. Eastman "	1 14
Joseph Colby "	1 14
Edgar E. Haskell, "	1 14
Henry H. Titcomb "	1 14
Obediah Bean "	1 14
Andrew Moulton "	1 14
William Maloy "	1 14
George B. Dudley "	1 14
Obediah Bean, tax on cow,	28
Andrew Moulton tax on horse,	30
Samuel Cater tax in full,	1 71
Ezekiel Jones, "	1 41
Gilman L. Dow, "	1 32
George E. Eastman, "	1 41

NON-RESIDENT.

On Zebediah Hoyt, tax,	1 02
Charles W. Sargent tax,	1 02
Timothy Whittier, tax and cost,	1 70
John S. Brown tax,	1 00
8 dogs,	8 00

 \$33 99

Total abatements, \$76 67.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L E. WOODMAN,	} Selectmen of Kingston.
MOSES J. FRENCH,	
HENRY D. WEBSTER,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1st. 1879.

The Treasurer charges himself by received from all sources the sum of \$5767 45

By cash received from the Treasurer of 1877,	\$723 59
“ B. F. Cram, Coll. for 1878,	4379 76
“ “ 1877,	95 00
“ interest on taxes,	10 00
“ John T. Clark, Coll for 1873,	30 00
“ T. W. Davis for house rent,	20 50
By cash received from State Tr'surer. Rail Road tax	109 36
“ Savings Bank tax,	115 90
“ Literary fund,	67 34
By cash received from the County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered County Paupers,	161 00
By cash received from the Universalist Society for use of the Town Hall,	40 00
By cash received from S. S. Collins, for the use of Town Hall,	15 00
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	\$5767 45

The Treasurer discharges himself as follows, viz.

Paid State tax,	\$1028 00
County tax,	1407 06
Incidental expenses of the town as approved by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st. 1879, viz.	
Miscellaneous	146 94
Town Officers,	287 60
Schools,	1109 44
Pasonage money,	312 00
[Support of Poor,	536 08
Highways and Bridges,	457 33
Abatements,	76 67
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Total expenses of the town year	\$5361 12

RECAPITULATION.

The amount the Treasurer has received,	\$5767 45	
The amount paid out by the Treasurer	5361 12	
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Remaining in the treasury,		\$406 33
Liabilities of the town March 1st. 1879,		
due on town parsonage fund,	\$5200 00	
School fund,	1260 00	
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Resources of the town March 1st. 1879,		
Due on Amos Kimball coll. bond for 1841	\$21 78	
B. F. Cram, collector bond for 1878,	175 00	
from J. W. Prescott for grass,	13 25	
Government bounties,	800 00	
Elmer C. Carter, by order of		
Court,	200 00	
costs of prosecution, as		
per order of the Court,	61 95	
from money in the hands of the Treas-		
urer,	406 33	
T. W. Davis, for house rent,	3 00	
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Amount of town debt March 1st. 1879,		4778 69
" " 1878,		4530 08
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Increase of town debt,		\$248 61

SAMUEL E. WOODMAN,

Treasurer.

Kingston, March 4th. 1879.

We the undersigned have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen for the previous year for money received and paid out, as per bills and receipts shown us, and find them correct and properly entered upon the town books.

CHARLES B. CLARK, }
WM. F. SANBORN. } Auditors.

Report of the School Committee.

Prudential Committee.—District No. 1, Sanford Whipple. No. 2, Everett Elkins. No. 3, J. W. Prescott. No. 4, a gentleman in Newton. No. 5, A. K. Davis. No. 6, James M. Quimby.

Amount of School Money.—District No. 1, \$172.24. No. 2, \$286.42. No. 3, \$235.86. No. 4, ask Newton. No. 5, \$151.09. No. 6, \$236.96.

No. of Pupils.—District No. 1, 31, cost per pupil, \$5.51. No. 2, 24, cost per pupil, \$11.93. No. 3, 25, cost per pupil, \$9.43. No. 5, 40, cost per pupil, \$3.78. No. 6, 33, cost per pupil, \$7.18.

Teachers Wages per Month.—District No. 1, Miss Emma S. Eastman, \$23. No. 2, Miss Susie M. Clifford, \$32. No. 3, Miss Elvira C. Gordon, \$30. No. 5, Miss Nellie Moore, \$30. No. 6, Miss Helen M. Webster, \$28.

Apparatus.—None,—A grievous fault here.

Roll of Honor.—District No. 1, Annie O. Burnsville, Willie H. Webster, Georgie E. Whipple, Abbie S. Stevens, 1st term. Nellie French, Gracie Sanborn, Marion Sanborn, Eddie Sanborn, Mary F. deRochemont, Annie O. Burnsville, 2d term. District No. 2, Bertie E. Bartlett, Charlie A. Chase, Hubbard Kimball, Bennie Sanborn, Charlotte L. Cram, Carrie B. Huse, Alice O. Dow, Mary E. Kimball, Lane E. Sanborn, Ena C. Bartlett, Anna Bell Hanson, Gracie P. Bartlett, Isella Huse, 1st term. Bertie C. Bartlett, Anna Bell Hanson, Gracie P. Bartlett, 2d term. D. Willie Garland, Rebecca M. Garland, 3d term. District No. 3, Frank W.

Abrams, Freddie B. Tuck, Freddie E. Webster, Eddie R. Davis, 1st term. Freddie E. Webster, 2d term. District No. 5, Lutie W. Davis, Vada J. Davis, Seth Mason, Bertie Kimball, Elmer George, Freeman Mason, Gertie Page, Milly D. Kimball, 1st term. Arthur L. George, Everett W. Silloway, Ira H. Webster, Lutie W. Davis, Emma M. Davis, Cora B. Winslow, Gertie Page, Georgana Seaver, Estella Page, Walter A. Kimball, 2d term. District No. 6, Walter R. Verrill, Everett H. Kelly, John C. Kimball, 1st term. Charles C. Crosby, Elmer A. Collins, John C. Kimball, Walter Verrill, 2d term. Frank Hart, Walter R. Verrill, 3d term.

Visitors.—District No. 1, 60. No. 2, 40. No. 3, 40. No. 5, 16. No. 6, 34. Superintendent, 22.

Length of School in Weeks—District No. 1, 27. No. 2, 29 9-10. No. 3, 28. No. 5, 21. No. 6, 32.

THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOLS.

We claim that we have been able with the assistance of the Prudential Committees, to secure the services of an efficient corps of teachers; that they have been perfectly at home in the school-room, have labored intelligently, earnestly and successfully. We claim that the public Schools of our town have continued to fulfill advantageously, the great purposes of their mission, with decided evidences, also, with increasing improvement. Though imperfection to some extent may be affirmed of them, which time and persistent effort alone, can fully remove, yet taken as a whole, they are in good condition, and have an auspicious prestige for the future.

Good Order.—As no school can be successful without the maintainance of good order, and proper subordination, it is the duty of every teacher to use suitable means for gaining this end. In pursuance of the same end, teachers should endeavor as far as they can to make the acquaintance of the parents of the pupils, by visiting their homes and otherwise, so as to gain their sympathy, and co-operation in their daily work and trials

at school. Difficulties may thereby be often prevented, and when they do occur, may be more easily settled. Parents, you are false to yourselves, and to all that you hold dear, if you do not visit your schools more.

Good Behavior.—It is the duty of teachers to watch with scrupulous care over the morals and manners of their pupils, and endeavor by all proper means to prevent and suppress deceit, lying, profanity and every other vicious and disgraceful practice, and in the place thereof, form and establish those virtuous principles and habits of conduct that will, not only inure to the benefit of the pupils while at school, but endow them with elements of character, of durable and priceless value. It is also the duty of teachers in obedience to the same requirement, to exercise a general supervision and control, over the conduct of their pupils, not only during school hours and in the school room, but during recess, and directly before and after school, and at all times while on the premises, or in the immediate vicinity of the same, and as far as practicable and lawful, while coming to, and returning from school.

Discipline in the Schools.—Teachers should understand and feel that the government and discipline of a school, should be that of a well regulated family, in which mutual love exists between the head, and all of the different members, inspiring the whole with the spirit of harmony and kindness.

Corporal Punishment.—Cases of obstinate and aggravated misconduct, or pointed and defiant resistance to the government of the school sometimes occur, which compel the teacher to fall back upon the reserved right to inflict corporal punishment, as well for the reform of the offender, as to maintain their supremacy in the school; but as a general rule, it should be resorted to only after milder means have been fairly tried without success. The punishment when the necessity for it occurs, should be administered, generally *not* in the pres-

ence of the school, but after due deliberation and in a proper and cautious manner. Exceptional cases may occur, for example: sudden and violent opposition to the authority of the teacher, may call for instant punishment on the spot, in the presence of the school, without waiting for the trial of other means of correction. Such cases are rare, and must be left to the disposal of the teachers.

Instruction in the Schools.—All instruction given in the schools should be as thorough as possible, the pupils being required to closely understand all rules, definitions, processes, in each branch of study taught, with the principles and reasons involved, utterly discarding the too common practice of using the memory alone, of committing words without ideas. It should be made practical as far as it can well be, by showing the pupils the various applications that may be made, of the knowledge they are acquiring at school to the common arts and business of life. Teach it to them, so that they can use it in life's great battle.

Procuring Teachers.—Prudential Committees should make it an object of paramount interest to procure for school teachers, those of the very best qualifications. Reliable authority states that only one-fourth are A No. 1. Be suspicious of those who offer to teach for small wages, they have undoubtedly been tried and found wanting. Why not patronize home talent? We claim we have several teachers second to none in the State, at least people in other towns where they have taught give them that reputation. Why pay out your money to strangers, (other things being equal) and let your own natives go away to work.

Grading Schools.—It is from unquestioned authority that much more, and far better work can be done in a graded school than in a mixed one, that the pupils can learn much faster, and more thoroughly. The graded school has almost innumerable advantages, which the mixed one can not have. A large percentage of the

children and youth in Districts 2 and 3, have been, (I am told,) attending school at the Academy, which is undoubtedly very desirable, as they can have there, teaching of altogether more culture, and a large amount of apparatus, they cannot have the advantage of in the common schools. But it seems to be decidedly unfair and unjust, to pay double or more per pupil for those who go to the common schools in these districts, than it costs in some other districts in town, and then for those from these districts who go to the Academy, pay a tuition. I think it will be productive of good results if the people of these two districts will ignore all differences of opinion, cast aside all fears of being wronged, and try to act for the greatest good of every one concerned, and see if some satisfactory arrangement can be made whereby, a part of the school money of these two districts can be used for the support of the school at the Academy, and those who are qualified, attend there, free. The existing state of things is not working well for the common schools in these two districts.

Culture of the Moral Powers and Habits.—The proper training of the physical and intellectual powers, the acquisition of knowledge, the right formation of the moral character, should be the great ends of all education, whether in the public or private school, or in the family, education which merely enlarges the intellect, and sharpens the wits, only serves generally to put weapons in the hands of villiany, with which to execute more successfully its mischievous and destructive plots against society. The Constitution and the Laws expressly and impliedly enjoin upon the instructors of children and youth, the duty of impressing upon the minds of those under their care and teachings, the principles of piety and morality; together with the whole circle of virtues, which constitute the highest adornment of the human character, and the general school law designates "good behavior," among the leading objects of attention in the school-room. And in the same end the law requires

the daily reading of the Bible in every public school ; and it should be accompanied with brief and simple devotional exercises. The religious element is thus recognized as too important an auxiliary in education, to be excluded from our schools, and so far as it can be used for this purpose, in such a way, as to avoid imputation of sectarianism on the one hand, and skepticism on the other, it may be applied with the happiest results. Within these limits the most important truths may be taught, which are held in common by good men of every Christian denomination, and lie at the foundation of all genuine religion and morality. The child thus instructed, will be forewarned and forearmed, as well against the open and seductive temptations of vice in its grosser forms, as the secret and insidious approaches of infidelity and corruption, which he will be almost sure at times to encounter in his progress through life.

Text Books.—Monroe's Reader and Speller, Hagar's Arithmetic, Swinton's Grammar, Robinson's Algebra, Warren's Geography, Quackenbos's U. S. History, Mahew's Book Keeping.

CONCLUSION.

These boys and girls, now, will very soon take the places of their fathers and mothers on the stage of life, and be the men and women of the coming age, and as you value your country's good, and the welfare of humanity in the future ; try to mould the rising generation, so that they can get all the advantages of the talents God has given them. Allow me in closing, to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have so kindly and generously assisted me in my duties connected with the schools.

JOHN P. SANBORN,

Superintendent of Schools.

The school at Kingston Academy, which is in charge of Prof. A. H. Campbell, (an accomplished teacher of much culture) is in a very flourishing condition, and takes a high rank with similar institutions in the State.

